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## Portage Lake News.

He Wanted to go to Marquette and Took the Other Train.

The January List of Jurors

Up to Disgust-Acrident at the Onin v Terse Tales.

Every now and then a passenger intending going down the road gets on the Mineral Range train returning to Calumet by mistake. Saturday, just as the Mineral Range pulled out, a foreign looking and highly excited man rushed into the smoking oar exclaiming in an indertone 'Leaught herby- anyhow,' He had just gotten out of his buffalo coat when Conductor Fred Lean came along and remarked "Ah you are going back with me, are you?" The man murmured something about wanting to NorthwesternHouse go to Marquette and started for the cor or. "I wait tree days to go and can't is the best hotel, not only in Hancick, but in the Upper Peninsula, is situated on the business street and is steam heated throughout Rates, \$2 and \$2.50; baths in connection with \$2.50 cooms, 46 transient rooms, wait so long again" he roared and the only consolution he got was from a traveling man who returned the neser tion that be would not spoil wait ing this weather. Just as the train supped in response to signal, the excited oreign gentleman had pulled a cigar from his pocket and but the end off, when he saw the train was at a stand still be dashed the cigar to the car floor and disappeared amid the jeers of the other CONTRACTORS & BUILDERS

The following jury was drawn Saturday to act at the January term of court. Court convenes January 20, but the jury will be summoned to attend on the morning of the second day of the term:

Osceola township-James P. Reed, John C. Schuite, Joseph Sneit, Jr. Portage towaship-John Humme, Stephen Quiney township-John Rver, G. Jacobs, Al-

Schoolcraft township-Thomas Bamby, T.

Girard, John F. Nanearrow.

Torch Lake township-Henry H. Mergan, James Eddy, Harry Seraz n.
Adams township—William McLeod, Thomas

Bice, Joseph Chamberiain.
Calumet town-hip-William E Carpenter, Richard Will, William Trevarrow.

Chasse'l township—Charles Smith. Dolphice Brune le, Edward Wilkinson.

Duncan township John Miller, D. A. Me

Franklin township-Daniel Dum., William

Brewer. Hancock township—Daniel Crowley, Thoma

This term promises to be a short one. unless something turns up there will be but two criminal cases.

Mr. Clifford, the West Superior, man who came here in hot haste after a lady whom he claimed to be his wife a week.

The authorities sized him up for a crank and declined to interfere in his affairs unless be could present better evidence than he did to support his claim. He complained when seen at the Houghton depot Saturday of the ill treatment he had received, but did not say anything of returning with documents to prove white and black dog and the diminutive crea ure looked about as forlors as did its master as both waited in the not too gentle breezes for the train to back up to the station.

Fred Loppala was burt in the Quincy Saturday night by a fall in the shaft. He was at the 36th level, of No. 2 shaft tending the switch of the skip road. They were hoisting poor rock on one track and stamp rock on the other. A skip was coming up and Koppala noticing that the switch was wrong went to turn it and succeeded, but in trying to get out of the way of the skip, which runs like an express train, be lost his footing and fell down the shaft aways, fortunately on the unoccupied track. He was not hit by the skip, but sustained several scalp wounds and bruises that will lay him up for a while,

Lavd Willard Hive, L. O. T. M., has elcted officers as follows. They will be installed at the K. O. T. M. public installation. January 21.

Com .- " Stoyle. Lieut. Com .- Mrs. Major Hac. Keeper.→" Nelson Mitchell Sergt, " Kehl. Kreilwitz. M. of A. Picket

The latter part of the month a stere opticon entertainment will be given in the St. Patrick's hall, under the auspices of the Hibernian R fles, They have secured a date from Thomas McVengh of Detroit. He has recently returned from Ireland and has a large number of views of the interesting sights of that famed and ancient land and has prepared a lecture in connection with them.

The German Aid Society elected officers contorday na follows: President-Henry Drittler, Sr. Vice President-Lawrence Barris, Secretary-William Dannes. Corresponding Score ary - Fred Finn. Sick Committee George Wern, Hancock; Anton Funk, Houghton; Andrew Link, Quincy.

Trustees, Adolph Ruhi, Sr., John Stinn, Jo The Hancock and Houghton Council, No. 19. Michigan Liquor Dealers' association, will give their first annual ball at Germania Hall on the evening of January 17. The Twin City orchestra has een engaged to furnish my-ic and everything will be done by the committee of arrangements to make the affair a not-

Ed Lieblein was thefortunate winner of the piano given by G. Robrer as a prize to his customers during the holidays. The number that drew the prise was 477.

able and enjevable one.

The funeral of Jobs Burt, the young man killed in the Quincy Thursday night, was held yesterday from the Pewahir M. E. church. The remains were interred in the Houghton cemetery. Deceased was a brother-to-law of William Simmone, the latter being his only relative in

The monthly meeting of the directors of the Northern Michigan Building and Loan Association will be held tomorrow. We understand that sew ral important things will come up at this meeting.

The election of a first licutement of the Houghton Light Infantry to fill vacancy will be held Wednesday, January 8 instead of January 15 as erroneously an-

There may be organized a ladies' auxiliary branch of the A. O. H., in the near future in Hancock. A committee we understand has the matter under con-

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Houghton will be held January 14.

Miss Annie Dailey, of Lake Linden, left vesterday for Colorado Springs to visit ber sister, Mrs. Campion

ployed in the assay office of the Lake Superior smelting works. The installation of officers of the A. O. J. W. lodge, of Hancock, will take place

Frank Getchell, of Chassell, is now em

Toursday evening, The Hibernian Rifles are requested to neet at St. Patrick's Hall tomorrow, (Tuesday) evening.

Hon Charles Smith went to Ironwood Saturday to accompany Mrs. J. D. Day

Mrs. James Merton, of Calumet, visited County Clerk and Mrs. Shields last week

Miss Duffy returned last evening from Ann Arbor, where she spent the hotidays.

Miss Harris returned Saturday from holiday visit to Minneapolis.

TREATMENT OF VELVET. Directions For Basting, Sewing and Pres

w that velvet is so much worn it will be well for the home dressmaker to un-derstand how it should be treated. It is always necessary to note the direction of the pile, for velvet has an "up and down" as much as figured fabrics. In passing the hand over it, very lightly, the direction in which there is which there is no resistance is the way in which the pile lies, and therefore th



LOUIS XV JACKET. downward direction. The lay of the pil must be always remembered in making velvet up, as two adjoining breadths, cur at different angles to the pile, will take the light differently, and the variation will be

unpleasantly conspicuous.

After the seams of a velvet garment are sewed it should be turned right side out and the pile disengaged from the stitching with a needle wherever it is caught in The seams may be pressed open by having the garment held taut in the air and pass-ing an iron along the wrong sides of them. Where the pile of velvet has been crushed it may be raised again by holding it over

Velvet bodices, unless they are drap should be very tight, as velvet is thick and has no elasticity. Velvet skirts require a great deal of stiffening, being so heavy that crinoline will not sustain them. Double haircloth is sometimes necessary in order to make the skirt stand out fash ionably. Nine, ten and eleven breadt skirt patterns are best for velvet, as the necessity for darts at the walst is obviated

by the number of seams, and all extra fullness at the top is likewise avoided.

The cut illustrates a Louis Quinze jack-et of suede cloth, ornamented around the edge and across the shoulders with an application of dark tan velvet and gold and steel embroidery. Two hollow plaits of tan volvet spring from the middle of the back of the yoke and fall to the edge of the jack-The bouffant sleeves are plaited at the pholes. The jacket is lined with cream armholes. The jacket is lined with er satin and has a collar of tan plumes. hat of suede felt is also trimmed with tar JUDIC CHOLLET.

Keeping Employees Honest. "Distrust probably makes more thieves than were ever evolved by the laws of heredity," said a gentleman re-cently who has a business in which he employs a large number of men, all holding positions in which the element of trost is peculiarly great. "In my business I always make my men understand that I have the utmost confidence in them, and the result of this has been that I have never had an employee ex hibit the least dishonest truit.

"Put a man on his honor and make him know that he is not being watched, but being trusted, and he will rarely, nuless disposed to it by heredity, steal. Of course some men are born thiever because the influence is too great for them to resist. Often surrounding a man with all sorts of devices and systems to prevent him from stealing has the effect of causing him to lock out for a way of heating the bank. We are all strangely susceptible to that much talked of force, suggestion-more than we appreciate-and when the very environment in which we work suggests dis honesty every minute it is not much wonder that it has a very positive effect

AT THE OUTER GATE.

THE PRESIDENT'S DOOR CLOSED TO THE PRESS.

Waiter Wellman Says Mr. Cleveland Would Lead by Thought Eather Than by Personal Priendship Phases of Our Chief Magistrate's Character.

Washington, Jan. 6. - [Special.] -President Cleveland is one of the most insecessible chief magistrates we have ever had in the White House. While it is true that senators and representatives can gain audience with him on certain days of the week few avail themselves of the privilege. This is true in part because there are now few offices to be filled, but perhaps in greater part because they do not feel that they are welcome there. Mr. Cleveland cares very little for the personal friendship of members of congress. He has never cultivated the art of pleasing them or of attaching them to himself. The result is that a comparatively small number even of the Democratic senators and representatives call at the executive mansion. When they do call, they have definite business to transact, and this is nearly always that senators and representatives can gain when they do call, they have definite business to transact, and this is nearly always attended to in the shortest possible space of time and with the least possible number of words. The president does not encourage consultation as to the affairs of the government, or even as to the policy of the party. It is said by men who have been a quarter of a century in Washington that they have never known a president so little in touch with the leading men of his party in congress as Mr. Cleveland is. The president's idea appears to be that he can get along without personal friendships outside his immediate circle. He wishes to lead men by thought, by enunciation of principles and ideas, rather than by the loyalty born of friendly contact and mu-

Politics In It. One often hears it said that if Mr. Cleve-land were tactful, if he wished to be friendly and communicative to senators and representatives, if he were, in short, a leader of men as well as of thought, he would be the most powerful figure seen in the White House in generations. Probably this is true. Cleveland acknowledges his weak and acknowledges in it. He tall rather glories in it. He his weaking is by temper that a man who loves to drive and who does not care to lead. He is now engaged in a somewhat bitter and acrimonious quarrel with congress. As I predicted at the beginning of the session, the game of politics between the two ends of the avenue is being played with vigor and acerbity. Each side accuses the other of insincerity, of wishing more to produce an effect upon public opinion than to se-cure results beneficial to the government and the country. As an independent oband the country. As an independent ob-server, caring not a whit for the fortunes of any man or any party, but close enough to them all to be pretty familiar with their motives and private views, I am con-strained to admit that in both cases the charge is not without foundation.

Door Closed to the Press. Mr. Cleveland is the first president Mr. Cleveland is the first president I have seen in Washington who seems to care nothing for the friendship of the press. Correspondents who have been here much longer than I have say the same thing is true of their experience. It is literally true that no correspondent for the press, no matter how able, no matter how influential in molding public opinion, no matter how matter the press. matter how much devoted to the interests of the administration, can gain audience with the master of the White House. Mr. Cleveland is the first of the presidents to close his door absolutely in the face of all his friends of "he press. Moreover, it is 

tary Thurber, while a m. and kindly gentleman personally, rarely gives to the representatives of the press any hint of the president's actions or intentions. In all former administrations private secretaries have been useful to the press. They have helped at least their friends to correct gauging of the movements of the presidential hand. President Cleveland is never interviewed—not in these days. The correspond-ent who gets an order from his paper to "interview the president for two columns"

"interview the president for two columns" on this or that topic simply laughs and wires back without leaving his desk, "The president cannot be seen." The last time the president was interviewed by a correspondent was in the first administration. It was, oddly enough, on the coasion of the dismissal from this court of Sackville-West, the British minister. Mr. Cleveland was in New York when the sensation about the Murchison letter first became public. He was there to review a great Democratic campaign parade. On his return, late at night, he drove at once to his country scat, Red Top. Two Washington correspondents conceived the idea ington correspondents conceived the idea of driving out to see if they could not get a talk with the president. They hired a a talk with the president. They hired a carriage and started through the rain and darkness. On the way they cursed themselves as a pair of idiots. Of course Mr. Cleveland would not see them. They would not even be able to get inside the house or past the sentries posted in the front yard.

The Last Interview.

The Last Interview.

But in this as in other professions one never knows when he is going to strike it rich. Sure enough, the door opened, and the two journalists were invited to seats in the parior. In a few minutes the servants told them the president would be down right away. The correspondents looked at one another. Both were excited. How would they accost the great man? What questions should they ask him? In a few minutes the president appeared. He held out his hand to them and asked, "What in the world brought you fellows out here at this time of the night?" Then he planted himself in a big chair, and the correspondents began to feel easier. "Oh, he planted himself in a big chair, and the correspondents began to feel easier. "Oh, yes; that Sackville West affair! Well, I'll tell you about that, boys. This British minister has made a bad break. He's got to get out of this country. We don't want him here. That's plain, isn't it? What would you do, boys, under similar circumstances? Fire him, of course. But this must be done in a dignified manner. We must remember our own dignity. We can't afford to do as we would like to dolake this chap by the naje of the neck and take this chap by the naje of the neck and the seat of his trousers and drop him into the Atlantic. We must preserve our dig-

the Atlantic. We must preserve our dig-nity Don't you say co?"

Much more did the president say, and he treated his two visitors with such gen-ial hospitality and so completely without affectation that they drove back to Wash ington as fast as their horse could carry them, the happiest journalists on earth. They caught the wire and had a sensation in their researchy names, the next mornin their respective papers the next morn

ing. Next day Dan Lamont said to these cor respondents in his quiet way, "Good act, but I don't believe any one will interview the president again." And no one has done so. WALTER WELLMAN.

The ordinary pension to the widow of a licutenant in the army is £40, and £10 for each child. A captain's widow has £50, and £12 for each child; a licutenant colonel's widow, £90, and £16 for each child; a general's widow, £120, and £20 for each child. If death is directly traced to fatigue, privation or exposure, the pensions are increased by half as much again; if the officer is killed in action, or dies of wounds within 12 months of the battle, the pensions are doubled. The ordinary penHighest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U.S. Gov't Report

And so Cy Sultiway has come to con

Up in Manchester, N. H., where focamotives and cotton prints are made beside the Merrimae, everybody knows Cy. He is 6 feet 6 inches tall probably and will be the taffest man in congress. His heart is as hig as the rest of his body, and a thou sand men whom he has befriended would rise in all their unight to save him from all harm. For 20 years the Manchester people have been saying that some day Cr hould go to congress. So here he is. Well, In his younger days Cy rather church in which the rest of the family worshiped. He had wild cuts to sow, and he sewed them. While engaged in this

be sowed them. While engaged in this occupation the Salvation Army people came to town. They held their meetings upon the street corners, and of course they gathered crowds. Thus it happened that one day the police came along and arrested them—carried off lads and lasses to the station house. The news of the arrest came to Cy as he sat up in his barn of an office, and it rather made his hig heart feel sad. He wasn't religious, you know but he had enough sympathy to take in all the

right." mused Cy in his quiet, honest way. "These people have as much right to worship God in their way as I have-to worship him in mine. I think I will go down and see them."

down and see them."
So down he went. He told them that
he had some little reputation as a lawyer,
and if they wanted his services they were
welcome to all he could do, without money welcome to all he could do, without money and without price. They listened, thank-ed him and then thanked God, singing the "Doxology" as he went away. "Carlous people," said Cy to himself as he moved away. "There they were, as happy as if they had all been at home. They said they were in prison like St. Pani, but they knew that the Lord would send his mes-senger. Talk about faith in Israel! They had more faith than I have seen in Manhester in all my born days!"

The next morning Cy was true to his promise. He went down to the police court, made an eloquent speech and has the satisfaction of seeing the lads and lassies walk out of court acquitted. Then Cy began to go to their meetings. Then he was converted, and finally, on a visit to a little town in Massachusetts, he met a Salvation Army captain, who is now his

That is the story of Cy Sulloway, who has come to congress.—Washington Post.

The See of Durham.

At the time of the Norman conquest the see of Durham was one of the richest in all England. Its territorial possessions had been increased by successive benefic tors until the riches of the succession of the apostelle fathers contrasted singularly with the poverty and lowliness of him who, when on earth, had not where to la which was so obserfully codured by th be might preach the geopel of the Naza

Lest any misconception should arise con cerning the term 'pulatine," it may be proper here to remark that it originated in the palace of the Byzantine emperors and signified, in its simple and restricted sense, nothing more than an inhabitant of the palace. Subsequently the term came to denote an officer of the household, a governor of a province with extensive del-egated powers. Finally, when those potentates grew sufficiently powerful to a "palatine" came to mean a fendal prince who owed little more than a nominal sub teetlon to the paramount sovereign. testimonies of a long line of great author ities, beginning with Camden and ending with Surtees, has demonstrated the fac-that the palatine franchise of Durham began after the Norman conquest. From the time of Walcher, who was appointed to the see of Durham previously to 1082, the successive prelates of the see were half warrior, half ecclesiastic. For 400 years. within the limits of the county palatinate the bishops of Durham owned no earth! superior and exercised every right which belonged to a distinct and independent sovereignty.-Gentleman's Magazine.

Read It In the Face.

"I know of what you are thinking," said one woman to another one day lately said one woman to another one day lates;
"Shall I tell you?" ifer friend replied:
"It is impossible for you to guesa. I was
worrying over a care which you do no
imagine that I possess." "That is true,"
was the response. "I am surprised to see
that you are fretting about money matters." The other stared at her. "Are you a necromancer?" she exclaimed. "No; Sherlock Holmes." was gayly returned "But that is quite extraordinary. How could even a Sherlock Holmes penetrate my thoughts?" "By the observance of a my thoughts?" "By the observance of a simple rule. You put a finger to your chip while you sat in that long, brown study. That signifies that mercenary matters as worrying you. If you had launed your hand on your cheek, I shild have told you that affairs of the heart concerned you. If it was something of the brank alone, as If it was something of the bruil alone, as overwork, you would have raised you hand to your head." The listoner shock her head. "That saunds like a fairy tale," she said. "Nevertheless try it any time you like," responded her friend. "and set if you ever make a mistake. And, more than that, you may tell what part of a person is affected by illness in the same way. The forchead contracts in a brail trouble or headurbe, and the eves also trouble or bendache, and the eves als show those diseases. The nose and unde show those diseases. The hose and mides the eyes betray sickness in the chest are stomach, and the lips and citin may be watched for anything wrong with the low of members of the body. That could be help in dealing with titress in a child to young to tell whose it looks a pain."—Nex-York Times.

We can suggest nothing which would

belo the Quakers greatly, except, perhaps the removal of the greatest stumbling block which they present to madern think ers-their distribe of nonresistance-which, even if it were taught by the apoties as a counsel of perfection to be obey within a converted community, would it one compagan world band over marking to the dominion of the bad. If you may not resist the burglar, he will have all th not resist the burglar, he will have all to spoons, and no civilization will be possible except that of a community of Yogis prote of nakedness and indifferent to or exulting in the emissance of physical pain. It might be possible so to mailly the doc-trine that it condensed approselvence rather than defensive resistance, and this bring it fully into accord with the cie which almost all sincere Christians would in theory, uphold, but the Friends wh make no such change and will, we pre-sume, adhere to their teners as Fox are Penn delivered them until they pare from beneath the material eyes of the commu-nity which has so greatly benefited by thes-exertions.—London Spectator. Sel Acting Wennens

A common story was to the effect that a Muramasa sword was once on a time pledged to a pawnbroker. The fellow thought this a fine opportunity to parade himself as a gentleman, and, according-ly, on a festival day he were the sword. Quarreling with some tale fellows, he essayed to use the weapon, but his unfamiliarity with it excited the derision of the bystanders, who unmercifully ridicated his bangling manner. But the merriment of these individuals was short lived. The sword itself took the matter in hand, as though the taunts impugned its own skill, and soon laid ow all its traducers. Then it turned against the unfortunate pawnbroker and killed him

Another story is the basis of a popular Japanese drama, and tells of the adventures of a sumural with a strange sword which he had borrowed from a pawnbroker. He lightly hit a man with the blade without apparently wounding him in the least. Some time after the man suddenly dropped dead, and it was found that the sword had inflicted a mortal wound even when it had scarcely drawn blood. Upon examination this was found to be a Muramasa, which, though coming from the dishe pawnshop and carried in the hands of an incompetent, had thus made manifest its power.-Lyman Horace Weeks in Lippincott's.

Dancing Mice.

There have been found in Japan some mice that have been the subject of a good deal of zoological discussion. These creatures are white and black as a rule. but some have shadings of brown and pale yellow. When the baby mouse first begins to walk, it exhibits the tendency that characterizes this peculiar breed. After moving a short distance it begins to turn round and round, increasing in rapidity until it spins almost like a top. This waltzing, for it is nothing cise, amounts to a mad dissipation, being kept up for some minutes without stop-ping. There will then be a pause of a fow seconds, when the dance begins again. These creatures waltz almost all uight, sleeping in the daytime. Sometimes they dance in couples, whirling around and keeping the most perfect time. Three or four have been known to dance together, two forming an inner circle and the others dancing around the outside. The smallness of the circle they take may be imagined from the fact that they will spin for hours under an ordinary tumbler with but brief inter-vals of rest. -New York Ledger.

Preparing For the Storm. A correspondent in the north of Irehand sends the following account of an pleredien incider that same un

Being on a walking tour through In showen, and passing along the edge of Longh Swilly, the romantic "Lake of Shadows," he noticed an immense gath-

ering of rooks on the sandy shore. In company with several others, the tourist was attracted by this novel spectacle, and began to wonder at the cause of it. An old man, who was working in a field near the place, offered an explana tion. He said that the birds were picking up sand to ballast themselves in a storm, and that when they did so it was sure sign of approaching bad weather. He added that on shooting rocks after a gathering of the sort he had found that hey were loaded with sand

As a matter of fact, the gentleman oneludes, a violent gale set in early next morning .- Pearson's Weekly.

Boston's "Uncle Nonh. There is a well meaning old gentleman in Boston who goes about in fair weather or foul with an open umbrella over his head. He is one of the notable characters of the town, highly respected as far as that goes, but pitied as the vicim of the delusion that a downpour is always impending. The story is abroad in Boston that he once got a terrible drenching and contracted therefrom a cold that threw him into a fever, out of which he issued with his life, but an unbalanced mind. All he could remember of his experience was that he was caught out without an umbrella, and though capable of doing business and comprehending every other subject, he still lives in dread of a second deluge. He is known as "Uncle Noah."—Boston Herald.

Obtained Expert Advice Talk about nerve! A Caribou dentist tells The Republican that a woman came to his rooms one day lately, and, showing him an aching tooth, asked if it would come out hard. The dentist, after an inspection, replied that it would be an easy tooth to pull; wherenpon the sufferer remarked: "Wall, I'm glad. A blacksmith promised to pull the too'h with a pair of pinchers, and I guess I'll let him do the job, if the tooth is comin easy." And away she went, leaving an astenished and bewildered dentist to gaze at her in wonder as she started for the blacksmith's shop .- Lewiston Jour-

A New Application of Scripture.

There was rejoicing in the village at the killing of a pig. Being dead, it was cut up. A neighbor's cat stole secretly into the larder, and annexed a piece of peck, which she brought in triumph to er mistress. Next day the clergyman of the parish visited the old woman. who recounted to him the remarkable suggestly of the beast. beautiful, sir," she said piously, ' to see the way the sweet creature brought me the piece of pork; it brought to my mind what we read in the Bible abo

The Knight's Surcoat.

The knight's surcoat, a long, flowing gown, were outside the armor, was an impediment in action, but valuable otherwise, for it often saved his life by indicating his rank, position, wealth and the amount of ransom he was able to pay. The gold inhaid and jeweled armor of the knights served the same purpose by advertising the rank and wealth of the warrior.